

CHANCE TO STUDY MANY TYPES.

What May Be Seen in Some of the Chinese Restaurants.

BUSY SCENE ON SATURDAY NIGHTS.

Trials of a Proprietor Witnessed by a Reporter—Remembrance of Philadelphia Sailors—Flattery as Used by Mongolians—Patronized by all Classes

Honolulu boasts of an unusually large number of Chinese restaurants, of which a certain number labelled "respectable" are patronized to a great extent by business men and others of the city. Again there is a portion, such as those found on Nuuanu street, into which none other than natives seem to go. The smallest portion is composed of the all-night places, where flock people of all nationalities and grades. Here it is that a person in search of types may find study to his heart's content.

A certain one of these restaurants on Hotel street presents a most interesting scene on Saturday evenings more than at any other time. It is then no one seems in a hurry to get away, and time is taken to make expressions which might be used by character readers in a summary of the nature of the respective frequenters.

The exterior of this establishment is very much as others of its stamp, but may be particularly identified by a large glass window in front. Some months ago, when the Philadelphia was at this port, a number of her sailors became angry with the proprietor because he had taken the hat of one of the number who refused payment for his supper. Seizing a ginger ale bottle one of the sailor's friends threw it at the window. The spot struck by the missile has been polished with some black substance, while the radiating cracks run in all directions like the arms of the squid. It is said the Chinese proprietor is one of those natures whose delight it is to keep souvenirs. Another reason assigned for the smashed window remaining is that it has proven the very best of advertisements.

The restaurant is much the same as others of its nature. The counter is presided over by the almond-eyed proprietor, the small tables and hard chairs—the same as found elsewhere. The only difference is that the tables are just a trifle less greasy, the napkins more scarce and the bottles of condiments contain mixtures so similar in appearance as to render distinction difficult.

Having been told that the place was an extremely interesting one to visit, especially on Saturday night, a representative of this paper dropped into the place last Saturday evening in the hope of finding something worthy of mention.

The shrill voice of the proprietor was the first thing to break the monotony. A Samoan painter of the city had playfully dropped the lighted stump of his cigar into the plate of matches on the counter and succeeded in making quite a blaze. Instead of putting out the fire and then talking to the man, the owner began expostulating with the painter on the mischief done, while the matches burned on. The grease of the counter stood in immediate danger of being destroyed by the flames. The proprietor finished speaking just as the fire died out and, there being no longer any necessity for scolding, the Chinaman sat down on the ledge of the window and watched the Samoan light another cigar and walk away.

A rather wild-looking native was seen hovering about the tables that had been recently occupied by customers. In his hand he carried a paper bag, which he was filling with the remains of recent repasts. The man is a harmless lunatic who has no source of supplies but the table of Chinese restaurants. When the man first began his collections, the Chinamen objected to his entering their respective places, but gradually became used to his harmless manner, and now allow him to come and go at will. He wears no shoes and skips about from table to table for all the world like a baboon. He has frightened many persons who are not acquainted with his queer ways, by coming up behind them unawares and making hideous grimaces. While he is making the rounds the lunatic mumbles over all sorts of combinations of words and seems to pay no attention to anything but the matter in hand.

Two hackmen, seated at the center table, were discussing the business of the past week. One had succeeded in getting a good run of customers, while the other said he had made but a very few dollars and had almost made up his mind to give up the business. He deeply deplored the fact that cholera had developed in the city. He used to do his greatest amount of business when steamers from foreign ports arrived at Honolulu. Cholera had stopped all passengers from landing, and consequently had taken away the source of the greatest amount of his revenue. This one seemed to eat his supper with the show of rather a poor appetite, while the other was so engrossed with his meal that he undoubtedly failed to hear the plaints of his fellow hackmen, for he vouchsafed not a word in answer.

Two policemen were seated near by the hackmen. They had just come off their beats and had settled down for a good, comfortable meal. In the usual native style they were recounting to each other the events of the evening. One had seen so-and-so drunk and returning to his home in a Chinese hack when upon occasions that he was sober he was wont to ride in the best hacks in the city. The other had assisted in the arrest of "Sweet Emille" and was describing in a very able manner the manner in which she carried on. Back and forth the conver-

sation flowed, each of the men taking the cue from the other for the next thing to be narrated. Seated at a table near the door was a member of Company B. He had just come off duty near the lower portion of Nuuanu stream. Since last Thursday the work of guarding the lower portion of Nuuanu stream has been in the hands of six members of the volunteer companies in place of civilians. While the gentleman in question sipped his coffee, he spoke most entertainingly upon various scenes witnessed in the early morning and during the night. Just as day begins to break the natives can be seen issuing from their houses in all directions. Some will sit on the door steps and take a quiet smoke, while others will busy themselves with the preparation for the morning repast. There seemed to be a feeling of general friendship on the part of all living in the vicinity, for they mingled freely without the least show of hesitation. They invariably eye the guards with a look of evident mistrust. If an obstreperous child ventures too near the water, he or she is recalled suddenly with a warning gesture toward the guard. There seemed to be a general disposition on the part of the natives to obey the regulations of the Board of Health. At any event, they do not venture near the water.

The Chinese proprietor of the restaurant is a very interesting character, and is willing to talk at all times. To the uninitiated he gives the impression of saying a great deal. It is true that he does talk a good deal, but possesses as well that Chinese trait of reticence which has often been a matter of comment. He will pat a person on the shoulder and make all kinds of flattering remarks, but as soon as there is anything of importance to come up he will either find something to do or change the subject in a very clever manner. He has another habit of making people think they are getting a great amount for their money. This is especially fortunate in the keeper of a restaurant. When a policeman enters the establishment the proprietor is more courteous than ever, for he recognizes the power of the law, and is looking for the assistance of such persons in case of an emergency. Every move of his can be traced to the fascinating jingle of the coin.

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